



Application Serial No.: 09/878,356

In Response to the final Office Action dated November 19, 2003

RECEIVED

FEB 24 2004

REMARKS

Claims 48, 55, 56, 62, 65, and 66 are amended.

Support for the amendment to claim 48 is found on page 12, lines 13-25 and original claim 42. Support for the amendment to claim 55 is found in previously presented claims 55.

Support for the amendment 56 is found in original claim 40.

The amendments to claims 62, 65, and 66 correct typographical errors or antecedent basis.

Therefore, no new matter will be added upon entry of the amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment claims 48-66 will be active.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 48-64 and 65-66 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph is obviated by amendment.

Furthermore, the objections of claims 56 and 66 are obviated by amendment.

Withdrawal of the rejection and objections and is respectfully requested.

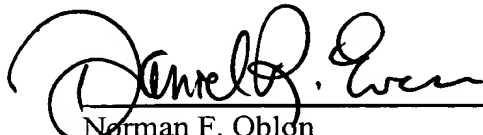
Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Customer Number  
**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000  
Fax: (703) 413 -2220

  
Norman F. Oblon  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No.: 24,618

8 **Daniel R. Evans, Ph.D.**  
**Registration No. 55,868**

